

## **HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND SITES COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**July 28, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Courtyard Conference Room**

#### **A. ROLL CALL:**

The Historical Buildings and Sites Commission met in regular session on the above date with Chair Ward Warren presiding. Vice Chair Dan McBerty and Commissioners Arden McConnell, Virginia Ford, Shirley Holzinger were present. Commissioner Marshbank arrived late. Also present was City Council Liaison Dennis Roler and representing the City staff was Parks & Community Development (hereafter: PCD) Planner Justin Gindlesperger.

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **May 19, 2016**

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#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Commissioner Warren moved and Commissioner McConnell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2016 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Warren, Vice Chair McBerty, and Commissioners McConnell, Holzinger, and Ford. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Marshbank. The motion passed.**

#### **C. Discussion on Promotions and Murals**

- Commissioner Warren shared a handout of the current guidelines with the commissioners.
- Dennis Dreher came to present to the commission. He stated that the last approval process for the Garden Valley mural went well but they would like to streamline the approval process as they didn't know quite what to expect moving into the process.
- Dennis shared a handout of what he had worked on with his COPA subcommittee.
- The guidelines they are looking for from COPA are; is the artist skilled, is the context fitting, is the art relevant, does the scale fit, technical issues ( such as paint quality, sealant, etc), the design, and funding.

- COPA would like to combine the process to have one application for the historic district that will cover both COPA and HBSC.
- Dennis let the commission know that COPA is currently looking at adding art to the various city parking lots, this may eventually turn into an approval for any art in the historic district rather than just murals.
- The Napa building is getting a mural, however they were an opt-out. The theme they are moving forward with is an old cars scene.
- Justin clarified that if the mural has advertisement it will be reviewed through PDC as a sign, if it does not it will be reviewed through admin as a mural by Dave Reeves.
- The commission let Dennis know that they want to discuss having contracts as an option where applicable.
- Dennis was asked about any possible restorations of current murals. He believes that is an excellent idea. He let the commission know that COPA is currently looking for funding to repair and restore existing pieces.
- Commissioner Warren let Dennis know that some of the guidelines they would like to see would be looking at placement and size, real historical events, places, or scenes would be preferred especially in the historic district.
- Historic advisement would be allowed as it existed and if it existed locally. (ei – old Pepsi bottle that was available in this area)
- The commission would like to see that the art content is consistent with the age of the building.
- They would like to see the historic color palette used and colors would need to be specified in the application at the time of review.
- Dennis expressed concern that limiting the colors to only colors within the historic palette will not work as that isn't the typical process for artists. The commission will have to discuss the wording in further depth to find something that will limit the colors choices without making it impossible for the artists.
- The commission would like to see accurate representation of dimensions and detailed sketches on the application.

- Dennis asked if portable murals might be allowed in the historic district. Commissioner Warren stated that he wouldn't see a problem with portable murals as long as they met the criteria for murals within the historic district.
- The commission would like to see a timeframe and a contract for each mural.
- Dennis asked if they could request that the murals be completely funded before they start.
- The commission would like to see the inventory COPA is currently working on available to the public for a walking map of sorts. Dennis let the commission know that Tourism already has something of that sorts available. COPA will give them the updated information to provide to the public.

#### **D. Items from Staff**

- The next meeting is the 18<sup>th</sup> of August – there will be a public hearing. The Taqueria would like to redo their façade.

#### **E. Items from Public**

- None.

#### **F. Items from Commissioners**

- Commissioner Warren let the commission know that there was a misunderstanding between the group and Jon Bowen. Jon needs the list of the buildings for the map. Commissioner Warren asked Commissioner Holzinger if she could draft a short description of the significant buildings that will be on the walking map.
- Commissioner Warren will go back to KAJO and discuss the now expanded district as a follow-up to the talk he gave prior to the expansion.
- The commission would like an update from staff on what has been approved on the improvements for the Wing building and the sign Lora was going to investigate from a previous meeting.
- Commissioners McConnell and Ford suggested the Elks Club (built in the 1950s and it is a mid-century modern), the Diversion dam, the Caveman Bridge, Fruitdale Grange, Riverside School, Riverside Park (City Autocamp in the early 1900s), the Grants Pass Pharmacy, Croxton Memorial Park, and the Granite Hill Cemetery to be added as landmarks.

- Commissioner Warren requested dates for all of the proposed locations.
- It was suggested to also draft a few sentences as to why they need to be landmarks to present to Council.
- Landmarks to be removed are as follows; 1508 A Street is now a vacant lot, 1612 NW A Street historic building replaced, 532 SW G Street historic building replaced, 99 Fruitdale historic building replaced, 129 SE G is now a parking lot, 140 SW H Street is now a parking lot, 203 SW Oak is a vacant lot, 717 NW 8th Street is now a vacant lot, 761 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street historic building replaced.
- Commissioner Warren asked Arden to compare a list he found online of landmarks to the list Lora supplied to the commission.
- It was determined that Granite Hill is not within City limits.
- Commissioner Warren would like an update from staff on the Redwood Empire sign.
- Commissioner Warren would like to meet with Commissioner Holzinger to go over mural standards.
- Commissioners McConnell and Ford are going to meet up and complete the landmark list for the August 18th meeting.
- The commission asked for an update from staff on the certified local governments designation.
- Commissioner McConnell requested that the commission discuss the designation of midcentury modern as it is becoming more popular. This item will be placed on a future agenda.
- The audio recording of the July 28, 2016 HBSC meeting cut out approximately 10 minutes prior to adjournment.

## **G. Adjournment**

Next meeting: August 18, 2016

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